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TO : Heads of Executive Departments and Establishments

FROM : Ben Reifel *Ben Reifel*
Chairman *efc*

SUBJECT: Draft of Modification No. 2 to the Commission Policies and Procedures for Implementing the Goals and Policies of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and Executive Orders 11507 and 11514 for the Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality in the National Capital Region

Enclosed for your review and comment is (1) copy of the Commission's Policies and Procedures for Implementing the Goals and Policies of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and Executive Orders 11507 and 11514 for the Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality in the National Capital Region, adopted by the Commission on August 6, 1970 and modified on August 5, 1971, and a second draft copy of a proposed Modification No. 2 to the Commission's environmental policies and procedures.

The purpose of the proposed modification is to (1) distinguish between a "major action" initiated by the Commission under Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, for which the filing of an environmental impact statement is required, and a Commission action which is not a "major action" within the meaning of the Act, and (2) authorizes the Commission's Executive Director to determine with respect to each proposed Commission "action" whether or not an environmental statement is required pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

It would be appreciated if the affected District of Columbia and Federal agencies could transmit their comments, if any, to the Commission by November 12, 1971. This will permit the Commission to consider the revised policies and procedures at its December 2, 1971 meeting.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Donald F. Bozarth, Director of Current Planning and Programming, on 382-1471.

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